

B) Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly delete the paragraph beginning at line 3 and ending on line 9 of page 5, and substitute therefore the following new paragraph:

-- The hand support plate 12 extends upwardly from a wrist bend 16 on the forward edge 17 of forearm support plate 11 at an obtuse angle 18, which in this instance is approximately 135°. Thumb support plate 13 extends upwardly from the side edge 19 of forearm support plate 11 adjacent wrist bend 16 at an obtuse angle 20, which in this instance is approximately 120°. Thus the wrist is held in a position of volar flexion. Thumb support plate 13 also extends forward from side edge 19 at an obtuse angle 21, which in this instance is approximately 120°. The angles 18, 20 and 21 of course may be varied within acceptable limits so long as the volar aspect of the thumb 15 is still suitably positioned or presented for surgery and is held in a position of abduction up and out of the plane of the palm. --